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In connection with the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2006 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, September 27, 2006 to November 27, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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